

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1 – 7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) A method suitable for use with a printing system for dynamically linking changing content present in a page in a network with a document, ~~wherein said page is updated automatically without further user interaction,~~ said method comprising the steps of

inserting a link into the document, said link corresponding to a page present in the network wherein ~~said the~~ page includes a web page,

automatically launching a web browser in response to the link,

automatically retrieving the content of the page from the network, and

automatically converting the content of said the page into an image file suitable for insertion into the document, and

automatically inserting ~~said existing link~~ the converted content into the document ~~to retrieve periodically changing content associated with the web page for subsequent incorporation into the document.~~

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein ~~said the~~ step of inserting a link comprises the step of inserting a uniform resource locator (URL) into the document, and wherein ~~said the~~ step of launching comprises the step of launching a web browser, wherein ~~said the~~ URL corresponds to a web page in the network.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein ~~said the~~ step of ~~converting~~ inserting comprises the step of directly inserting ~~said file image~~ the converted content into the document such that when the document is accessed the converted content is displayed as a readable part of the document.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein ~~said~~ the page includes a web page and ~~said~~ the browser includes a web browser, further comprising the step of automatically, dynamically inserting ~~said~~ the link into the document to dynamically retrieve content associated with the web page for subsequent incorporation into the document.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of repeating ~~said~~ the steps of ~~inserting, launching, retrieving, and converting~~ and inserting as a function of the number of links inserted into the document.

13 – 26. (Canceled)

27. (New) The method of claim 8 wherein the content of the page is inserted into the document such that when the document is printed into a hardcopy format the content of the page is printed into the hardcopy format as part of the document.

28. (New) A printing system for automatically and dynamically linking content from an existing network page into a document generated using a document creation algorithm, the system comprising:

- a document creation algorithm for creating, retrieving or assembling a document;

- a link facility for manually creating and inserting a network link into the document wherein the link is associated with an existing network page;

- a browser for automatically accessing and retrieving the content of the network page associated with the link; and

- a production agent for automatically converting the content of the network page into an image file and for automatically inserting the content into the document.

29. (New) The printing system of claim 27 wherein upon subsequent access of the document, the browser launches automatically accessing and retrieving the most recently updated content of the network page without need for action or knowledge of a user.

30. (New) The printing system of claim 28 wherein upon subsequent access of the document, the production agent automatically converts the content of the network page into the image file and inserts the content of the network page into the document without need for action or knowledge of said user.

31. (New) The printing system of claim 29 wherein the document and the inserted content of the network page are readily available in a readable format for display on a user interface or for printing.